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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION AND ITS STAR MIMMY CARTER,
RECEIVE CONTINUING, WIDE PLAY IN THE SPANISH PRESS.
COMMENTARIES EXPLORE PARTY UNITY, CARTER'S PATH TO
NOMINATION AND DEMOCRATS' NEW CARE IN SELECTING A VEEP.
QUOTES FOLLOW:

MONARCHIST ABC DECLARES (IT CANNOT BE FORGOTTEN
THAT THIS IS THE CONVENTION OF JIMMY CARTER, IN WHICH
MANY DELEGATES HAVE CONFESSED THAT THEY WOULD RATHER
SACRIFICE THEIR POINTS OF VIEW WITHOUT DEMANDING THEY
BE INCLUDED IN OR EXCLUDED FROM THE PARTY PLATFORM...
IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY..."

"THE ONLY POINT THAT HAS PROVOKED SOME DISSENT
HAS BEEN THAT OF ABORTION."

IF A PREDOMINANTLY DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS, WORKING
WITH A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT IN THE WHITE HOUSE, COULD
BRING REALITY TO THE PLAN DESCRIBED IN THE PLATFORM,
POSSIBLY INSIDE OF EIGHT YEARS, THE U.S. WOULD BE
CONVERTED INTO AN IDEAL NATION WHERE MEN, WOMEN, WHITES,
BLACKS, INDIANS, RICH AND POOR WOULDN'T HAVE PROBLEMS
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OF HOUSING, UNEMPLOYMENT, HEALTH CARE, INFLATION,

AVAILABLE MONEY OR EXAGGERATED PRICE HIKES."

IN A COMPANION PIECE, ABC'S POLITICAL ANALYST ANTONIO ALFEREZ SCRUTINIZES CARTER'S CAREFUL SUTDY IN SELECTING A VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIATE. "FORTUNATELY FOR THE DEMOCRATS, AND FOR AMERICA, CARTER HASN'T NEEDED LAST-MINUTE COMPROMISES. MOREOVER HE HAS HAD SUFFICIENT TIME OVER THE LAST MONTH TO STUDY POSSIBLE OPTIONS AND TO TALK TO POTENTIAL ASPIRANTS." CARTER WILL SELECT ONE OF THREE CANDIDATES: MONDALE, MUSKIE, CARTER--- "BUT CARTER AND AMERICA CAN BE TRANQUIL-- NONE OF THEM WILL BE A 'NEW AGNEW,".

BARCELONA'S PRESTIGIOUS LA VANGUARDIA ESPANOLA CHARACTERIZED THE AIR AT THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION AS "THE MOST PERFECT HARMONY, PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING THAT HAS EVER EXISTED."

VANGUARDIA ADDED THAT THE STANDARD-BEARER HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL NOT BECAUSE "HE HAS SOLD A POLITICAL PROGRAM, BUT AN IMAGE: THAT OF MIDDLE AMERICA, WITM HIS FAMILY, HIS BIBLE, HIS PEANUTS AND, ABOVE ALL, HIS INEFFABLE GOOD GUY SMILE... WITH NOTHING TO HIDE. TO THINK THAT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS COULD HAVE BEEN WON THUSLY WOULD HAVE SEEMED INSANITY DURING THE YEARS...OF THE REFINED AND SOPHISTICATED JOHN KENNEDY..." ITEM.
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